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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
FEBRUARY 23, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 22 through 28, 2015, as  
2 "Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Awareness Week" in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The word AED is an acronym used as an abbreviation  
5 for the Automated External Defibrillator; and

6 WHEREAS, AEDs are portable medical devices that use  
7 electrodes to automatically analyze and detect cardiac  
8 arrhythmia of sudden cardiac arrest patients; and

9 WHEREAS, AEDs are able to produce a shock which stops the  
10 heart and allows it to return to a normal rhythm, a process  
11 called defibrillation; and

12 WHEREAS, AEDs are used in the event of a sudden cardiac  
13 arrest, which is a condition in which the heart suddenly stops  
14 pumping blood and quivers erratically; and

1       WHEREAS, About 360,000 cases of sudden cardiac arrest occur  
2 yearly, typically without any warning signs; and

3       WHEREAS, A person currently has about a 5% chance of  
4 surviving an incident of cardiac arrest, which decreases 7-10%  
5 with every minute that passes after a person's heart stops  
6 beating; and

7       WHEREAS, Optimal AED placement allows a person to grab the  
8 AED and return to the victim within 90 seconds; and

9       WHEREAS, Given that a person's chances of surviving a sudden  
10 cardiac arrest decrease so rapidly, it is important that AEDs  
11 are readily available; therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
13 week of February 22 through 28, 2015, as "Automated External  
14 Defibrillator (AED) Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.